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Availability of a Telecommunication Feature

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Dear Sirs:

This Appeal Brief is filed based on the final rejection of all pending claims mailed on January 25, 2007, and further to the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review mailed May 10, 2007.

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I. Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest for the above-referenced application is SBC Properties, L.P., whose address is 645 East Plumb Lane, Reno, Nevada 89502. See Reel/Frame 014015/0689.

II. Related Appeals and Interferences

The undersigned is unaware of any other appeals or interferences that will directly affect, be directly affected by or have any bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

III. Status of Claims

Claims 4, 13 and 20 are canceled.

Claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19 and 21-30 are pending and stand finally rejected.

All of finally rejected claims 1-3, 6-12, 14-19 and 21-30 are appealed.

IV. Status of Amendments

No amendments are pending.

V. Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

Independent claim 1 recites a method comprising inquiring in a first transaction about a first telecommunication feature unavailable to a first party of a telecommunication network. (E.g., pg. 4, ll. 18-21, Fig. 1). In accordance with the inquiring in the first transaction, a first data structure is stored which identifies the first party of the telecommunication network and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party. (E.g., pg. 5, ll. 14-15, Fig. 1). After storing the first data structure, and after completion of the first transaction, a portion of the telecommunication network is upgraded which serves the first party. (E.g. pg. 8, ll. 17-20). In accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, availability data is input which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 20-23). In response to upgrading the portion of the

telecommunication network which serves the first party, the first data structure and the availability data is processed to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party. (E.g., pg. 6, ll. 4-29, Fig. 1). A call is placed to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, (E.g. pg. 7, ll. 1-6, Fig. 2) wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the inquiring in the first transaction, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed. (E.g., pgs. 6 and 7, Figs. 1 and 2).

Independent claim 9 recites a method comprising receiving a first call from a first party of a telecommunication network. (E.g. pg. 7, ll. 20-23). It is determined that a first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party. (E.g., pg. 4, ll. 18-21, Fig. 1). The first party is informed, in the first call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party. (E.g., pg. 7, ll. 23-25). A first data structure is stored which identifies the first party and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party. (E.g., pg. 5, ll. 14-15, Fig. 1). A second call is received from a second party. (E.g, pg. 7, l. 28 through pg. 8, l. 2). It is determined that a second telecommunication feature is unavailable to the second party. The second party is informed, in the second call, that the second telecommunication feature is unavailable to the second party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 3-5). A second data structure is stored which identifies the second party and the second telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party. A third call is received from a third party. (E.g, pg. 8, ll. 8-11). It is determined that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the third party. The third party is informed, in the third call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the third party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 12-14). A third data structure is stored which identifies the third party and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the third party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 14-16). After storing the first data structure, the second data structure, and the third data structure and after the first call, the second call, and the third call have terminated,

upgrading a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 17-20). In accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, availability data is input which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party but not the third party. (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 20-23). In response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, processing the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure, and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party but remains unavailable to the third party. (E.g., pg. 7, l. 26 through pg. 8, l. 5). After the first call, the second call, and the third call have terminated, the first party is notified in a fourth call that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party by placing a call to the first party, (E.g., pg. 6, ll. 4-29, Fig. 1) wherein notifying the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the receiving of the first call, the second call and the third call, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the fourth call is placed. (E.g., pgs. 6-8, Figs. 1-2).

Independent claim 10 recites an apparatus comprising a database (E.g., 114) comprising a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party, wherein the first data structure is generated in response to a first inquiry. (E.g., Figs. 1-3, pg. 4, ll. 18-21 and pg. 5, ll. 14-15). A computer (E.g., 112) receives availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 20-23) wherein the computer (E.g., 112) receives availability data after the completion of the first inquiry and after generation of the first data structure and in accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, the computer

(E.g., 112) to process the first data structure and the availability data in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party, (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 20-23) and the computer (E.g., 112) to place a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, (E.g., pg. 7, ll. 1-6, Fig. 2) wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call occurs in response to the first inquiry, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed. (E.g., pgs. 6-8, Figs. 1-3).

Independent claim 17 recites a computer-readable medium (E.g., pg. 9, l. 16 through pg. 10, l. 3) whose contents cause a computer to store a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party, (E.g., pg. 5, ll. 14-15, Fig. 1) after completion of storage of the first data structure, and after, at a later time, upgrading a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, in accordance with the upgrading, (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 17-20) receiving availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, (E.g., pg. 8, ll. 20-23) and to process the first data structure and the availability data in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party, (E.g., pg. 6, ll. 4-29, Fig. 1) and placing a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, (E.g., pg. 7, ll. 1-6, Fig. 2) wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the storing of the first data structure, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the

availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed. (E.g., pgs. 6 and 7, Figs. 1 and 2).

VI. Ground of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

Whether claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19 and 21-30 are unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over the combination of Alcott (U.S. Patent No. 6,324,273) and Mujmudar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,897.866).

VII. Argument

Appellant submits that the pending rejections fail 1) to cite references teaching or suggesting all of the claimed features; or 2) to meet the requirement of adequately showing a teaching or suggestion to combine the cited references.

A. Claim 1

Claim 1 recites a method, such as to inform a first party of a newly added telecommunication feature to the telecommunication network, where the method places “a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature.” Neither of the references, alone or in combination, disclose this. It’s always the user making the inquiry. Claim 1 also recites placing the call to the first party “in response to the inquiring in the first transaction, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.” Also, “In accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party,” availability data is input “which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party.” Moreover, “In response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party,” the first data structure and the availability data is processed “to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party.

Alcott relates to ordering a telecommunication service via a network enabled platform, using touch keys. The Office Action correctly states that Alcott does not teach at least informing the first party that a previously unavailable telecommunication feature has become available, wherein the informing occurs in response to the upgrading the portion of the communication network and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data. The Office Action is incorrect that Majmudar fills the gaps left by Alcott.

Mujmudar et al. relates to an interface arrangement for allowing a subscriber to select telephone features from a subscriber terminal using a touch screen. The terminal in response to a touching of the appropriate area of the screen displays a list of possible telephone features available to the subscriber terminal together with an indication of currently subscribed features. Among other features, the claims recite 'inquiring' about a telecommunication feature 'unavailable' to the party. The selected feature in Mujmudar is clearly 'available' to the party. Further, neither reference, alone or in combination, discloses informing a first party of a new feature by placing a call 'to' the first party. In addition, Claim 1 recite that "placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature." Neither reference discloses such features, including placing such a call "to" the party. Therefore, for at least these reasons, Appellant respectfully requests that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn and the claims be considered allowable.

Moreover, obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either explicitly or implicitly in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. MPEP 2143.01. There is no motivation in Majmudar et al. to combine the touch screen terminal with the key tone system of Alcott, and vice versa, in regard to the claims. For example, there would be no motivation to incorporate a call back feature with the touch screen terminal of Majmudar et al., which only displays available features on a terminal. In addition, there is no motivation in Alcott to use a display to show

telecommunication features, instead of using voice and the key pad. For at least this additional reason, Appellant submits that the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3 and 5-8 depend from claim 1, and are submitted to be allowable for these same reasons.

B. Claim 9

Claim 9 recites a method where a first party is informed, “in the first call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party.” Second and third calls are also made by second and third parties. The first party, “after the first call, the second call, and the third call have terminated,” is notified “in a fourth call that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party by placing a call to the first party.” In addition, notification to the first party “that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature.” Moreover, “The placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the receiving of the first call, the second call and the third call, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure and the availability data.” “The first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the fourth call is placed.” As discussed above, neither Alcott nor Majmudar et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least these features. For at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, Appellant respectfully requests that this rejection also be withdrawn.

C. Claim 10

Claim 10 recites an apparatus with a database “which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party, wherein the first data structure is generated in response to a first inquiry.” A call is placed to the first party, “to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature.” In addition, “the placing of the call occurs in response to the first inquiry, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data.” “The first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.”

As discussed above, neither Alcott nor Majmudar et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least these features. For at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, Appellant respectfully requests that this rejection also be withdrawn. Claims 11-12 and 14-16 depend from claim 10, and are submitted to be allowable for these same reasons.

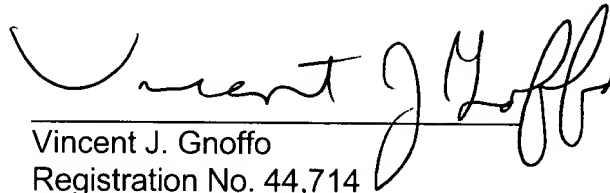
D. Claim 17

Claim 17 recites “a computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer to store a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party.” A call is placed “to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature.” “The placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the storing of the first data structure, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data.” “The first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.” As discussed above, neither Alcott nor Majmudar et al., alone or in combination, disclose or suggest at least these features. For at least the reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1, Appellant respectfully requests that this rejection also be withdrawn. Claims 18, 19, 21-30 depend from claim 17, and are submitted to be allowable for these same reasons.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons provided above, Appellant submits that claims 1-3, 5-12, 14-19 and 21-30 are allowable over the cited art. Appellant respectfully submits that the outstanding rejections of the claims as unpatentable is in error and should be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

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VIII. Claims Appendix

1: A method comprising:

inquiring in a first transaction about a first telecommunication feature unavailable to a first party of a telecommunication network;

in accordance with the inquiring in the first transaction, storing a first data structure which identifies the first party of the telecommunication network and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party;

after storing the first data structure, and after completion of the first transaction, upgrading a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party;

in accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, inputting availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party;

in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, processing the first data structure and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party; and

placing a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the inquiring in the first transaction, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.

2: The method of claim 1 further comprising:

before inputting the availability data, storing a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party; and

processing the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

3: The method of claim 1 before inputting availability data, storing a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and a second telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party; and

processing the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the second telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

4 (cancelled).

5: The method of claim 1 further comprising, prior to inputting the availability data:

receiving a call from the first party; and

informing, in the call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party.

6: The method of claim 1 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication service.

7: The method of claim 1 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication product.

8: The method of claim 1 wherein the telecommunication network comprises a telephone network.

9: A method comprising:

receiving a first call from a first party of a telecommunication network;

determining that a first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party;

informing, in the first call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the first party;

storing a first data structure which identifies the first party and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party;

receiving a second call from a second party;

determining that a second telecommunication feature is unavailable to the second party;

informing, in the second call, that the second telecommunication feature is unavailable to the second party;

storing a second data structure which identifies the second party and the second telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party;

receiving a third call from a third party;

determining that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the third party;

informing, in the third call, that the first telecommunication feature is unavailable to the third party;

storing a third data structure which identifies the third party and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the third party;

after storing the first data structure, the second data structure, and the third data structure and after the first call, the second call, and the third call have terminated, upgrading a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party;

in accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, inputting availability data which indicates and availability of the first telecommunication feature to a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party but not the third party;

in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, processing the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure, and the availability data to determine that the first

telecommunication feature has become available to the first party but remains unavailable to the third party; and

after the first call, the second call, and the third call have terminated, notifying the first party in a fourth call that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party by placing a call to the first party, wherein notifying the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the receiving of the first call, the second call and the third call, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure, the second data structure, the third data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the fourth call is placed.

10: An apparatus comprising:

a database comprising a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party, wherein the first data structure is generated in response to a first inquiry;

a computer to receive availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, wherein the computer receives availability data after the completion of the first inquiry and after generation of the first data structure and in accordance with upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, the computer to process the first data structure and the availability data in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party, and the computer to place a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call occurs in response to the first inquiry, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure

and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.

11: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the database further comprises a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party, and wherein the computer is to process the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

12: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the database further comprises a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and a second telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party, and wherein the computer is to process the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the second telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

13 (cancelled).

14: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication service.

15: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication product.

16: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the telecommunication network comprises a telephone network.

17: A computer-readable medium whose contents cause a computer to store a first data structure which identifies a first party of a telecommunication network and a first telecommunication feature unavailable to the first party, after completion of storage of the first data structure, and after, at a later time, upgrading a portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, in accordance with the

upgrading, receiving availability data which indicates an availability of the first telecommunication feature to the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party, and to process the first data structure and the availability data in response to upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network which serves the first party to determine that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party, and placing a call to the first party to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available, wherein placing the call to inform the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available occurs before the first party has subscribed to the first telecommunication feature, wherein the placing of the call to the first party occurs in response to the storing of the first data structure, the upgrading the portion of the telecommunication network, and the processing of the first data structure and the availability data, wherein the first party has the opportunity to subscribe to the first telecommunication feature after the call is placed.

18: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the contents further cause the computer to store a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and the first telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party, and to process the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the first telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

19: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the contents further cause the computer to store a second data structure which identifies a second party of the telecommunication network and a second telecommunication feature unavailable to the second party, and to process the second data structure and the availability data to determine that the second telecommunication feature remains unavailable to the second party.

20 (cancelled).

21: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication service.

22: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the first telecommunication feature comprises a telecommunication product.

23: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the telecommunication network comprises a telephone network.

24: The method of claim 1 further comprising:
after completion of the first transaction, at a later time notifying the first party in a second transaction that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party.

25: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein, after completion of the first inquiry, generation of the first data structure, and determining that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party, the computer outputs a signal to initiate notifying the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party.

26: The computer-readable medium of claim 17 wherein, after completion of storage of the first data structure and after processing the first data structure and the availability data, the contents further cause the computer to output a signal to initiate notifying the first party that the first telecommunication feature has become available to the first party.

27: The method of claim 1 further comprising:
updating the first data structure with information regarding the first party at least one of requesting and denying the first telecommunications service in accordance with a response by the first party to the call.

28: The method of claim 9 further comprising:

updating the first data structure with information regarding the first party at least one of requesting and denying the first telecommunications service in accordance with a response by the first party to the fourth call.

29: The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the first data structure is updated with information regarding the first party at least one of requesting and denying the first telecommunications service in accordance with a response by the first party to the call.

30: The computer readable medium of claim 17 wherein the first data structure is updated with information regarding the first party at least one of requesting and denying the first telecommunications service in accordance with a response by the first party to the call.

IX. Evidence Appendix

None

X. Related Proceedings Appendix

None